

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: **Achtermann et al.** §
Serial No.: **09/438,436** § Group Art Unit: **2157**
Filed: **November 12, 1999** § Examiner: **Todd, Gregory G.**
For: **Apparatus for Connection** § Attorney Docket No.: **AUS919990655US1**
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, the application was designated as informal for the following reason(s):

1. "Figures 3A, 3C, 3D, 4 & 5 appear to have crossed out and handwritten data.

Please provide replacement drawings." In response to this notice and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121, enclosed herewith is a letter to the Official Draftsman with revised formal drawings.

No fees are believed to be necessary at this time. However, in the event that any fees are required for the prosecution of this application, please charge any necessary fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is needed, the extension is requested. Please charge the fee for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

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